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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, RP

SUBJECT: DES IN JAPAN

REF: STATE 55136

1. JUSMAG ADVISED CHIEF OF PHILIPPINE NAVY (ADM RUIZ)
MAR 8 OF AVAILABILITY FOR PURCHASE OF TWO DES IN JAPAN.
RUIZ WAS CLEARLY SURPRISED BY LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN INCREDIBLE
SAGA OF THESE TWO VESSELS BUT HE QUICKLY PROVIDED ASSURANCE
THAT GOP WOULD LIKE TO ACQUIRE THEM.

2. WE HAVE NOT QUOTED A SPECIFIC SELLING PRICE TO RUIZ

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BECAUSE WE WERE FRANKLY SURPRISED TO SEE THE CURRENT

MARKET APPRAISAL FOR THE SHIPS IS \$95,000 EACH. FOR TWO VESSELS WHICH ARE "OLD, (32 YEARS), IN POOR CONDITION AND LACK PROPER LOGISTICS SUPPORT," THIS WOULD SEEM AN EXCESSIVE PRICE. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE WELL EQUIPPED DER 251, FLAG SHIP OF THE VN NAVY, IS BEING SOLD TO THE GOP FOR \$63,000.

3. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST LOWEST ACCEPTABLE SALE PRICE FOR THESE INCREASINGLY SHOPWORN DES SO WE CAN FINALIZE DEAL WITH GOP BEFORE ANY GREMLINS IN THE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REAPPEAR ON THE SCENE. SULLIVAN

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